prohibited and banned mining in the Aravalli hills of Rajasthan and Haryana. The relevant order is reproduced below:—

"ILLEGAL MINING IN ARAVALLIS

Second Monitoring Report of the Central Empowered Committee dated 28th October, 2002, has been received from the Central Empowered Committee. This Report deals with the mining which is termed as illegal in the Aravalli hills. It is stated in this Report that the Members of the Central Empowered Committee visited the affected areas on 27th October, 2002, namely the forest area in the Aravalli Hills-Kota and Alampur Village. Report states that mining operations are being carried out in this area which is a forest area which was being recreated by plantations under the Aravalli Mining Programme funded by the Japanese Government in the early 90s. We, prohibit and ban all mining activity in the entire Aravalli hills. This ban is not limited only to the hills encircling Kota and Alampur villages but extends to the entire hill range of Aravalli from Haryana to Rajasthan. The Chief Secretary, State of Haryana and Chief Secretary, State of Rajasthan are directed to ensure that no mining activity in the Aravalli hills is carried out, especially, in that part which has been regarded as forest area or protected under the Environment (Protection) Act."

The matter was listed before the Hon'ble Supeme Court again on 16.12.2002 and it has been learnt that the ban on legal mining has been lifted in case of Rajasthan State and partially lifted in case of Haryana State.

Hydro Power Projects in Brahmaputra and Barak Tributaries

* 417. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the preparation of detailed Project Reports of the Hydro Power Projects in the Brahmaputra and Barak Tributaries of N.E. Region; and

(b) the total outlay, agency entrusted, target set, source of funding etc. of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a)to (b) Detailed Projects Reports (DPRs) have been prepared for 17

Hydro Power Projects on Brahmaputra and Barak tributaries in North Eastern Region with an aggregate capacity of 25770 MW. These DPRs are at various stages of examination. Out of these, 5 Projects with an aggregate capacity of 359 MW are under implementation (ANNEX-I). 3 Projects with an aggregate capacity of 890 MW have also been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and are awaiting investment sanction. *See* Statement.

Statement

H.E. Schemes under Implementation in Brahmaputra/ Barak Basins in N.E.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/I.C./ State	Executing Agency	Cost (Rs. Crores)	Commis-sioning Schedule	Source of funding	Implementation status
1.	Kopili St-II 1X25 MW, Assam	NEEPCO	99.35	7/2003	Domestic	Works on package I & II in progress. Erection of Unit taken up.
2.	Tuirial 2X30 MW, Mizoram	NEEPCO	448.19	7/2006	OECF/ Domestic	Infrastructure works in progress. LOI for packages I, II &V issued. LOI for packages III & IV to be placed shortly.
3.	Loktak Down Stream 3X30 MW, Manipur	NHPC	578.62	2008-09	Domestic	Active works yet to be taken up.
4.	Lower Borpani (Karbi Langpi), 2X50 MW, Assam	ASEB	470.86	5/2004	OECF/ Domestic	Civil works except Dam completed. Balance works of unit erection yet to be taken up.
5.	Myntdu (Leiska) State-I 2X42 MW, Meghalaya	MESEB	363.08	10/2006	Domestic	Investment approval awaited. Infrastructure works in progress.